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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT 1

2 relating to a fee for statues of Barbara Jordan and Cesar Chavez and

- 3 related scholarships at The University of Texas at Austin.
- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 4
- 5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
- 6 amended by adding Section 54.5135 to read as follows:
- Sec. 54.5135. BARBARA JORDAN AND CESAR CHAVEZ STATUES FEE; 7
- THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN. (a) The board of regents of The 8
- University of Texas System may charge and collect from students 9
- registered at The University of Texas at Austin a fee of \$2 for any 10
- semester or summer session. The fee shall be used for funding the 11
- 12 construction of a Barbara Jordan statue and a Cesar Chavez statue on
- the campus of The University of Texas at Austin and to establish 13
- 14 Barbara Jordan and Cesar Chavez student scholarships.
- (b) The board shall deposit one-half of the revenue 15
- 16 collected from the fee into the Barbara Jordan statue fee account
- for the purposes of constructing the Barbara Jordan statue and, if 17
- funds permit, establishing Barbara Jordan student scholarships. 18
- Any funds deposited in the account in excess of the cost of the 19
- construction of the statue shall be used to establish the student 20
- 21 scholarships.
- (c) The board shall deposit the remaining revenue collected 22
- 23 from the fee into the Cesar Chavez statue fee account for the
- 24 purposes of constructing the Cesar Chavez statue and, if funds

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- 1 permit, establishing Cesar Chavez student scholarships. Any funds
- 2 deposited in the account in excess of the cost of the construction
- of the statue shall be used to establish the student scholarships.
- 4 (d) A fee may not be charged under this section after August
- 5 31, 2007.
- 6 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
- 7 beginning with fees due for the 2003 fall semester.
- 8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 12 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.